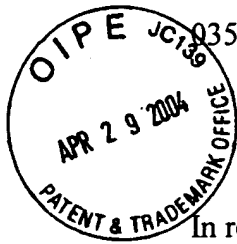


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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents identified on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of those documents, which were cited in a corresponding Japanese application, are also enclosed. Cited U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003-0090688-A1 was previously cited as U.S. Application No. 09/200,874 in the Information Disclosure Statement dated July 12, 2003.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. application:

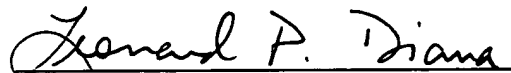
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A copy of the cited application is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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